



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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**Sunday Worship** 10:00 am  
w/Children's Church School & Childcare  
Worship Zoom ID 824 8455 3329  
Followed by **Coffee Fellowship**

**Choir Rehearsal** Tuesdays 6:00 pm

**Wednesday Bible Study Classes**  
10:00 am Presbyterian Mystic  
w/Bill & J.P. (Lounge)  
3:30 pm w/Pastor Kerry (Zoom)  
6:30 pm w/Rev. Beyler (Conf. Rm.)

**First Sunday** March 2 & 9  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
(PDA) Kit collection (see page 4)

**Listening Circles with the PNC**  
(Pastor Nominating Committee)  
March 2 during Fellowship

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
March 5 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

**Choir performs** March 9 & 23

**Session Meeting** March 11

**Free Laundry Day** March 12  
10:00 am-2:00 pm at Laundry World

**Lenten Vespers** Starts March 12  
Wednesdays 5:30 pm (Zoom)

**Green Guardians Lent Discussion**  
Starts March 16 after Fellowship

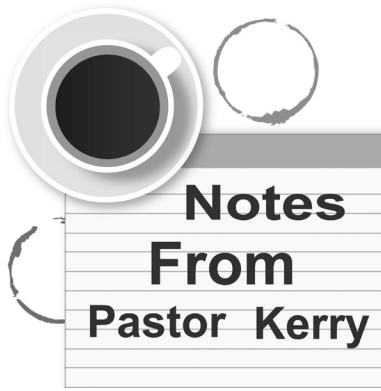
**Presbyterian Women Meeting**  
March 18 1:00 pm

**Dinner Group** March 20 5:30 pm  
Tandoor & Tadka, Giant City Road

**Men's Fellowship Meeting**  
March 27 12:00 noon

**Bowling at SI Bowl, Carterville**  
March 30 1:00-3:00 pm

**ASH**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
*join us for*  
**THE**  
**BEGINNING**  
**OF OUR**  
**LENTEN**  
**JOURNEY**  
**MARCH 5th 6:00 pm**



## ***Relentless?***

I promise not to focus too much on this being my last year serving as Covenant Pastor, but this is the last time that we will go through the seasons of Lent and Easter together. So, while it's always a big deal, this time around it's a bit bigger deal.

Easter is the most important season and day of the church year. Christmas gets all the attention, but the resurrection of Jesus Christ stands at the center of our faith. It's the promise that Jesus was—and is—the Son of God, whose death and resurrection have opened the way to eternal life. We journey each year through the season of Lent to prepare ourselves to again witness and experience God's love made manifest on the cross and at the empty tomb.

This concept is very simple and orthodox, yet the depth of its meaning can't be ignored. We Christians are called to live with unending hope. Our ancient faith is founded upon the teaching that not even death can separate us from the love of God. Life continues on; we are created by God to live in God and with God forever.

However, having hope is not the same as living hopefully. One of my great joys of serving First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale is witnessing your dedication to mission and sharing hope with our community...making hope manifest, and making hope real. Let us pray for one another and serve those who need hope.

Lent begins—as it always does—with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of ashes representing our humble willingness to again begin the journey leading to Jerusalem. Forty days is a long time to travel, but we've made this journey before. Let us enter this Lenten season with purpose, intention, and the love of Jesus down in our hearts.

Peace, Kerry

### ***In sure and certain hope...***

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ...

***The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of***

**Nicholas Grant Dellinger**

**November 14, 1984 – February 14, 2025**

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me, will never die. John 11: 25-26*

Celebration of Life gatherings are scheduled March 30, 2025 in Jupiter, Florida and April 19, 2025 in Des Moines, Iowa (details on Facebook). A Memorial Service will be held May 3, 2025 at First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale and via Zoom (details to follow).

# LENTEN *Schedule*

**Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

6:00 pm – Sanctuary rear (In person only)

**Wednesdays March 12–April 16, 2025**

*Lenten Vespers* 5:30 pm (Zoom only)

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**

10:00 am – Sanctuary & Zoom

**Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall (In person only)

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

*Sunrise Service* 6:30 am – Outdoor green space  
(In person only)

*Morning Worship* 10:00 am – Sanctuary & Zoom

Zoom ID 824 8455 3329

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, Illinois

# MISSION Updates

## CARBONDALE LAUNDRY PROJECT

Forty guests attended the February 2025 Free Laundry Day. The Rotary Club of Carbondale collected almost \$200 in Laundry Project donations at the Martin Luther King Day breakfast and made an additional \$100 donation from the club. The session approved the Mission Ministry's request to use Change for a Change funds (coins in the Sunday offering plate) to support the Laundry Project, retroactively in 2024 and forward into 2025.



We collected \$2517 for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry—thank you!

The Rotary Club of Carbondale awarded a \$1000 grant to the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois, and First United Methodist Church in Carbondale collected diapers during February.

**For the first (and second) Sundays in March 2025, the Mission Ministry is requesting donations for the following PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) KITS.** You're welcome to build an entire kit, or bring a few items and we'll fill in the rest.

### EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKET

- One 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid. (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Brand labels are acceptable.)
- Five scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (with or without handle)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose cleaning towels (not paper towels)
- One 16-34 oz. bottle of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- One 12-40 oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; no surgical masks)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free preferred; durable for multiple-use)
- One pair of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (such as Nitrile, cotton with leather palm, or all leather)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor-type 30-45 gallon trash bags (on a roll)



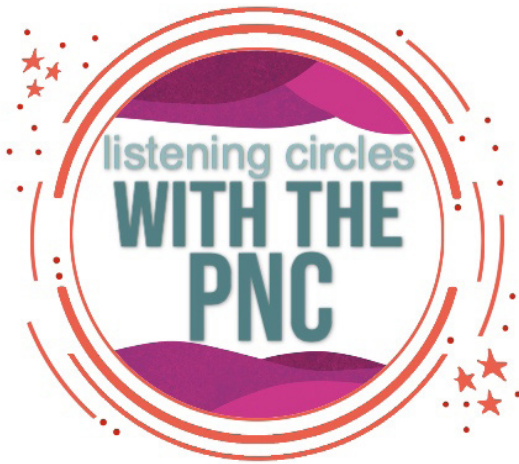
**All cleaning items must be new; all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment.**

### HYGIENE KIT

- 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- One washcloth
- Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
- Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
- Travel-size stick deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
- Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of at least 1 year)
- Toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Sturdy wide-tooth comb (remove from package; 6" minimum teeth; no pocket combs or picks)

**All items need to fit inside a 1-gallon Ziploc-type bag. Remove excess air from the bag and seal.**





**Sunday, March 2, 2025 during Fellowship,** several tables will be available for you to **share your views with the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)**. The PNC is comprised of Cindy Buys, Harry Davis, Pat Manfredi, Lily Vucinic and Wendi Zea. While there will also be opportunities for written feedback, the PNC hopes you'll take the opportunity to express your views in person.



## S.I. Learning in Retirement

University of Illinois Extension Family Life Educator Robin Ridgley will speak at the **March 19, 2025 meeting of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement**. Robin provides education and resources regarding emotional wellness, brain health, family relationships and aging throughout the lifespan.

This meeting, free and open to the public, is at 10:30 am at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Chautauqua in Carbondale. For information about joining SILIR contact Diane McIntyre at (618)536-7751 or email [silir@siu.edu](mailto:silir@siu.edu).

## DINNER GROUP

Last month seven intrepid diners braved the frigid weather to enjoy a tasty meal at Flame. **Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm** we'll meet for the first time at Indian restaurant Tandoor & Tadka on Giant City Road in Carbondale. RSVP at [jillhertzing@aol.com](mailto:jillhertzing@aol.com).



Join us **Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 1-3 pm at SI Bowl Family Fun Center** (on Highway 13 near Carterville). We'll gather at 1 pm sharp to be assigned lanes before they fill up.

Shoes and two games are \$12.25 per person. If cost is an issue, we can give you a hand (talk to Pastor Kerry or Dori Jefferson). Food and other play options will be available for purchase. Please join us—even if just to watch and visit!

## BOWLING



## MARCH 30

# coldest \*night OF THE YEAR



The choir made its return to worship last month under the direction of Music Director Dr. Deborah Burris, accompanied by Kathy Manfredi on piano. The choir performs two Sundays per month and rehearses Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. All are welcome—join us!

For the third consecutive year, the Presbyteamians—Sarah Merideth, Bobbie Ogletree, Beth Malmquist, Peter Hertzog and Lisa Hollabaugh (below; Jane Swanson and Ann Warner not pictured)—led the **Carbondale Coldest Night of the Year** fundraising pack with \$10,120 collected for the Carbondale Warming Center. Four team members ranked among the top ten local walkers: Sarah collected \$3000 and Jane raised over \$1500! Thank you to all who donated; you can still contribute through the end of March at [www.cnoy.com](http://www.cnoy.com).

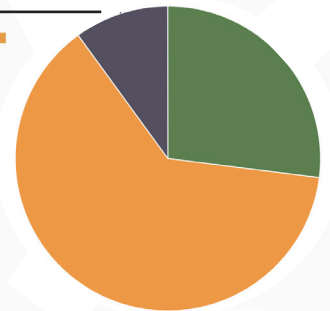


Photos: Morgan Quick (left), Lisa Hollabaugh (right)

**It's time for our church to pay its per capita assessment** which is sort of like a utility bill we pay in order to receive the benefits of those services. The per capita apportionment shares the cost of maintaining the Presbyterian community and system of governance which provides services and support to our church and region, and in the world. It is the necessary link connecting all Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations, enabling us to contribute equitably to the things that make us Presbyterian.

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CAPITA

PRESBYTERY   SYNOD  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



This year as we seek a new Called and Installed Pastor, we'll draw extensively on guidelines, advice and assistance from the PC(USA) and the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois (PSEI). Per capita facilitates our access to these resources, which help us pursue the church's ministries and missions.

**The 2025 per capita apportionment is \$40 per church member** (the same as last year). \$10.84 is allocated to the PC(USA) General Assembly (church headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky); \$3.81 goes to the Synod of Lincoln Trails and \$25.35 goes to PSEI.

**It is important that all of us, as we comfortably can, write a check for \$40 for each household church member** (note *per capita* in the memo line). This way, our congregation can fulfill its obligations to the denomination and presbytery without having to redirect precious budget funds from our programs and missions. Thank you for your generous support.

## Green Guardians Lenten Discussion Series

During Lenten Sundays March 16 through April 6, 2025 following worship we will show a 5-7 minute video about creation care, then host a discussion. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall in a continuation of post-worship fellowship time.

A Rocha is a Christian environmental organization with projects around the world. During each meeting, our Green Guardians will introduce and field questions for discussion. We hope you'll join us for thoughtful conversation about creation care.



You're invited to do a quick web search to learn about the origins, importance and recommended activities associated with the following March dates:

**March 3:** World Wildlife Day

**March 4:** World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development

**March 6:** World Conservation Strategy Day

**March 8:** Solar Appreciation Day

**March 12:** National Plant a Flower Day

**March 14:** International Day of Action for Rivers

**March 16:** Digital Cleanup Day

**March 18:** Global Recycling Day

**March 20:** World Rewilding Day

**March 21:** International Day of Forests

**March 21:** National Renewable Energy Day

**March 21:** World Planting Day

**March 21:** World Wood Day

**March 22:** World Water Day

**March 23:** World Climate Day

**March 30:** International Day of Zero Waste

Additional days with attention to individual species include Buzzards (March 15), Pandas (March 16), Servals (March 18), Sparrows and Frogs (March 20), and Seals (March 22).

### *Ideas for Action...*

Lent (and spring) are excellent times to consider our impact on God's creation. Instead of "giving up something" (unless it's something like plastic refuse!), why not try out a new eco practice during the six weeks of Lent? It could be something simple—like washing clothes in cold water, eating fewer meat meals, or consolidating errands to drive less. Find plenty of ideas online by searching "52 ways to help the environment" or a similar phrase; then select a few on which to concentrate during Lent. It might become a habit!

# PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

We had fun during February celebrating love, friendship and family. After so much snow (the groundhog was correct in predicting six more weeks of winter), spring is right around the corner—we can't wait!



This month we will be learning about St. Patrick's Day. The Frog class will also learn about Spring, while the Polliwog and Tadpole classes will study Dr. Seuss and dinosaurs. For an entire week, everything will be wacky!

Special thanks to guests from the SIUC Dental Hygiene Program who helped us learn how to take care of our teeth and overall health. We appreciate them sharing their expertise with us. Photos provided by the Preschool.



## Session Synopsis

We opened the February meeting with prayer and a devotional reading from Helen Waddell's *The Desert Fathers*. Pertinent business items included:

- Plans were approved to convene a February 23, 2025 Congregational Meeting to vote on the slate of incoming Deacons and Ruling Elders. Officer Training will take place March 23, 2025 after worship.
- Music Director Deb Burriss will share office space with the Mission Ministry next to the Conference Room in the Office Suite.
- The session graciously granted me vacation time from March 14-22, 2025. The session also authorized me to research and purchase a new laptop computer to pair with our portable projector, with a goal of spending no more than \$500.
- Minutes and ministry reports were approved. January financial reports were robust, primarily because a number of congregants prepaid their yearly pledge contributions early.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. —Kerry





**Contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale are tax deductible under 501(c)(3) guidelines (consult your tax professional). Donate on Sunday mornings, by direct deposit or mail, by clicking the "Give Now" button at [firstpresdale.org](http://firstpresdale.org) or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.**

**Financial Report January 2025**

**8% of the year completed**

<b>Income Line</b>	<b>Income YTD</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	
Pledges	\$ 45,215.88	\$ 203,400.00	22%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 499.96	\$ 13,600.00	4%
Per Capita	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	0%
Transfer From Investments	\$ -	\$ 55,961.68	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,234.37	\$ 19,700.00	21%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 49,950.21</b>	<b>\$ 294,461.68</b>	<b>17%</b>

<b>Expenditure Line</b>	<b>Expenditures YTD</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	
Mission	\$ -	\$ 11,570.00	0%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 6,898.68	\$ 90,531.26	8%
Support Staff	\$ 5,589.39	\$ 81,800.42	7%
Faith Development	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00	0%
Worship & Music	\$ 165.00	\$ 2,325.00	7%
Comm/Administration	\$ 746.74	\$ 16,800.00	4%
Facilities/Capital	\$ 10,308.40	\$ 87,335.00	12%
Christian Nurture	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	0%

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 23,708.21</b>	<b>\$ 294,461.68</b>	<b>8%</b>
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**Revenues over Expenses \$ 26,242.00**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Peter Hertzog 3/4**  
**Gary Merideth 3/5**  
**Pat Manfredi 3/6**  
**Bill Baumann & Pam Holt 3/12**  
**Tracy Prosser 3/13**  
**Joshua Whitehurst 3/18**  
**Beth Malmquist 3/28**  
**Susan Davenport 3/30**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Lance Davis, Jr. & Beth Forsberg 3/2**  
**Bob & Elena Luebbers 3/15**  
**Beth & Ronald Malmquist 3/23**  
**Jay & Mary Jane Brooks 3/24**

*If we missed your special day, please accept our apologies and notify the church office so we can update our records.*



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In March 1905 Miss Helen Peters was the choir director at a salary of \$16.00 per month. During her tenure, one man wrote at length to the minister that his family was being deprived of its rightful place in the church as his daughters were not in the choir.